

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

PERMIT FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER

PERMIT 20972

Application 30177 of Ben Brown Ranches, Inc.

P.O. Box 217, Plymouth, CA 95669

filed on September 22, 1992, has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board
SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS and to the limitations and conditions of this permit.
Permittee is hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

1. Source:

Tributary to:

Unnamed Stream

Laguna Creek thence

Cosumnes River

2. Location of point of diversion:	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
<u>Storage and Rediversion</u> North 900 feet and West 2,500 feet from SE corner of Section 30	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	7N	9E	MD
<u>Diversion to Offstream Storage</u> North 1,000 feet and West 2,150 feet from SE corner of Section 30	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	7N	9E	MD

County of Sacramento

3. Purpose of use:	4. Place of use:	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
Stockwatering	unnamed reservoir within SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	7N	9E	MD	
	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	30	7N	9E	MD	
Irrigation	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	30	7N	9E	MD	40
					Total acres	40

The place of use is shown on map on file with the State Water Resources Control Board.

5. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed 150 acre-feet per annum to be collected from November 1 of each year to June 30 of the succeeding year.
(0000005)

The permit does not authorize collection of water to storage outside of the specified season to offset evaporation and seepage losses or for any other purpose.
(000005I)

6. The maximum rate of diversion to offstream storage shall not exceed 30 cubic feet per second.
(000005J)

7. The amount authorized for appropriation may be reduced in the license if investigation warrants.
(0000006)

8. Construction work shall be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and shall be completed by December 31, 2003.
(0000007)

9. Complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be made by December 31, 2007.
(0000008)

10. Progress reports shall be submitted promptly by permittee when requested by the State Water Resources Control Board until a license is issued.
(0000010)

11. Permittee shall allow representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by said Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit.
(0000011)

12. Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this permit with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of permittee without unreasonable draft on the source. Permittee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this permit and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the permittee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

(0000012)

13. The quantity of water diverted under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto is subject to modification by the State Water Resources Control Board if, after notice to the permittee and an opportunity for hearing, the Board finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control Plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

(0000013)

14. The State Water Resources Control Board reserves jurisdiction over this permit to change the season of diversion to conform to later findings of the Board concerning availability of water and the protection of beneficial uses of water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay. Any action to change the authorized season of diversion will be taken only after notice to interested parties and opportunity for hearing. (0000080)

15. This permit is subject to prior rights. Permittee is put on notice that, during some years, water will not be available for diversion during portions or all of the season authorized herein. The annual variations in demands and hydrologic conditions in the Consumnes River are such that, in any year of water scarcity, the season of diversion authorized herein may be reduced or completely eliminated on order of this Board made after notice to interested parties and opportunity for hearing. (0000090)

16. No diversion is authorized by this permit when satisfaction of inbasin entitlements requires release of supplemental Project water by the Central Valley Project or the State Water Project.

- a. Inbasin entitlements are defined as all rights to divert water from streams tributary to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta or the Delta for use within the respective basins of origin or the Legal Delta, unavoidable natural requirements for riparian habitat and conveyance losses, and flows required by the State Water Resources Control Board for maintenance of water quality and fish and wildlife. Export diversions and Project carriage water are specifically excluded from the definition of inbasin entitlements.
- b. Supplemental Project water is defined as that water imported to the basin by the projects plus water released from Project storage which is in excess of export diversions, Project carriage water, and Project inbasin deliveries.

The State Water Resources Control Board shall notify permittee of curtailment of diversion under this term after it finds that supplemental Project water has been released or will be released. The Board will advise permittee of the probability of imminent curtailment of diversion as far in advance as practicable based on anticipated requirements for supplemental Project water provided by the Project operators. (0000091)

17. To prevent saturation of the root zone of existing heritage blue oaks (Quercus douglassii) located within 50 feet of the reservoir, permittee shall establish the high water elevation of the reservoir not to exceed 200 feet above mean sea level.

For protection of vernal pools within the southern 40 acres of the gross 80 acres surrounding the reservoir, permittee shall not irrigate the 40 acres within the SW¼ of SE¼ and the SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 30, T7N, R9E, MDB&M, as shown on map on file with the State Water Resources Control Board.

(0400599)

This permit is issued and permittee takes it subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:

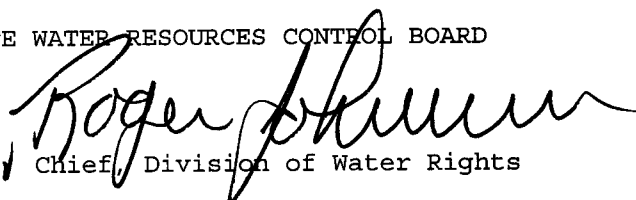
Section 1390. A permit shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code), but no longer.

Section 1391. Every permit shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a permit is issued takes it subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

Dated: JULY 14 1998

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

for 
Chief, Division of Water Rights